



Citizen Police Advisory Review Board Minutes

The Citizen's Police Advisory Review Board (CPARB) met on Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at 5:35 p.m., at the Main Library, Basement, 101 N. Stone Ave, Tucson, Arizona.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Members Present:

Susan Thornton, Chair
Stephen Nekolek
Suzanne Elefante
Cynthia Schiesel

Representing:

Mayor
Ward 1
Ward 2
Ward 4

Members Absent:

Jennifer Lopez
Joaquin Murrieta, Vice Chair
Barbara O'Brien

Ward 3
Ward 5
Ward 6

Advisory Members Present:

Karen Brandel

Advisory Members Absent:

Kathleen May

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members Present:

Captain Bill Richards, Tucson Police Department
Sergeant Sharon Callan, Tucson Police Department
Lieutenant Rick Hovden, Tucson Police Department
Baird Greene, Principal Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office
Robert Barton, Office of the Independent Police Auditor

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members Absent:

Liana Perez, Independent Police Auditor
Sergeant Matt Ronstadt, Tucson Police Department
Officer Steven Beller, Tucson Police Department

Others Present:

Assistant Chief Kathleen Robinson, Tucson Police Department
Officer Meredith Gierke, Tucson Police Department
Ana Smith, Secretary, City Clerk's Office

2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of February 17, 2009

Motion by Suzanne Elefante, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 4 to 0, (Jennifer Lopez, Joaquin Murrieta, and Barbara O'Brien absent) to approve the minutes of February 17, 2009.

Chair Thornton announced Assistant Chief Kathleen Robinson was in attendance.

3. First Call to the Audience

There were no speakers.

4. Review of Citizen Comments submitted to Mayor and Council in reference to TPD for February as reported on March 1, 2009.

The Board asked about comment numbers eleven and twelve which dealt with a constituent reporting her neighbor's behavior and issues to the Tucson Police Department (TPD). The Board asked if the two comments had come from the same constituent. TPD affirmed it was the same person and the complaints were forwarded to Team 4 to be addressed. TPD said they tried to contact the constituent several times and were unsuccessful.

The Board asked about comment number ten which dealt with a non-injury accident. Sergeant Sharon Callan stated the 911 operator advised the constituents to exchange information with each other. Because there were no injuries, TPD would not respond unless one of the parties specifically asked and then an officer would be ~~dispatched~~ **dispatched**. She said the constituents stated they would exchange information with each other.

5. Office of the Independent Police Auditor

A. Outreach Report: Report of public outreach efforts by the office of the Independent Police Auditor during the previous month.

Robert Barton, Office of the Independent Police Auditor (IPA), stated in the month of February 2009, the IPA office conducted one outreach activity to the Citizens' Police Academy. He said it contained instructive information and encouraged the Board to participate if they had not yet attended.

B. Monthly Contacts: Report on TPD-related contacts by members of the public with the office of the Independent Police Auditor during the previous month.

Robert Barton, Office of the Independent Police Auditor (IPA), stated the office received six inquires and four complaints that were forwarded to Internal Affairs (IA) for review, during the month of February 2009. He said the IPA had reviewed three closed complaints and conducted reviews of ten closed cases that were closed by IA. He said IPA agreed with the findings of those cases.

The Board asked about the IPA Report to CPARB Allegation regarding ID#5025. The complainant was unhappy his young children were left at home unsupervised following the arrest of himself and his wife. The Board asked what the procedure was for this kind of situation.

Sergeant Sharon Callan stated the police officer made arrangements with the school personnel and the school personnel went home with the children and waited for the emergency contact person to pick up the children. The police officer followed up with the school and the emergency contact person to ensure the children were being taken care of.

The Board asked at what age would TPD allow a child to stay home unattended. TPD explained that it would depend on the child's maturity and the circumstances surrounding the situation.

6. Tucson Police Department:

- A. TPD Updates regarding events or developments relating to TPD during the prior month.

Captain Richards stated TPD lost an officer to a non-duty-related fatality. The memorial service would be held in Ohio not in Tucson. TPD honored the family's wishes and provided a proper escort for the burial.

Captain Richards stated Lieutenant Tom McNalley was retiring. He said Officer John Morgan would fill the vacancy. Promotions and Captain positions would remain be vacant until a Chief of Police was named.

- B. Office of Internal Affairs/Updates regarding events or development relating to the Office of Internal Affairs during the prior month.

Captain Richards stated that the department was handling routine complaints in a timely manner. He said during hard economic times, you would expect to see a significant increase in complaints, but they were in fact seeing a decrease.

Chair Thornton asked TPD if there were changes to how C1 complaints were being handled. Captain Richards stated that there had been no changes on how cases were categorized.

The Board commended TPD for a successful awards ceremony.

7. Report from Chief Selection Interviews

Cynthia Schiesel stated the Chief Selection process was very interesting to her. She stated that the candidates would bring something different and unique to the Police Department. She said the people who coordinated the Chief selection interviews should be commended. She explained the selection committee would be going back to square one.

8. Recess

Motion by Stephen Nekolek, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 4 to 0, (Jennifer Lopez, Joaquin Murrieta, and Barbara O'Brien absent) to forego recess.

9. Random Review of TPD Investigations:

1. Case# 08-0727

Motion by Cynthia Schiesel, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 4 to 0, (Jennifer Lopez, Joaquin Murrieta, and Barbara O'Brien absent) to find Case# 08-0727 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

2. Case# 08-0650

Motion by Stephen Nekolek, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 4 to 0, (Jennifer Lopez, Joaquin Murrieta, and Barbara O'Brien absent) to find Case# 08-0650 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

3. Case# 09-0037

Motion by Cynthia Schiesel duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 4 to 0, (Jennifer Lopez, Joaquin Murrieta, and Barbara O'Brien absent) to find Case# 09-0037 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

10. Second Call to the Audience

There were no speakers.

11. Report from Chair / Announcements

A. Letter to Geoffrey Boyce – January 2009

Chair Thornton stated a letter and an e-mail were sent to Geoffrey Boyce in January 2009 regarding his CPARB attendance.

- B. TPD Volunteer of the Year Award

Chair Thornton announced she was awarded the TPD Volunteer of the Year Award.

- C. Chair Thornton announced Kathleen May resigned due to medical reasons.

12. Future Agenda Items

- A. Chair Thornton asked the Board members to think about serving on a subcommittee.
- B. April 2009: Non-Advisory Board Members selection.
- C. April 2009: Presentation by Lieutenant Ronald Stiso on Community Events Section.
- D. May 2009: Presentation by Lieutenant Elise Souter on the Professional Standards Division, Operations and Standards.

13. Adjournment – 6:10 p.m.

Motion by Suzanne Elefante, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 4 to 0, (Jennifer Lopez, Joaquin Murrieta, and Barbara O'Brien absent) to adjourn.